# Goha and the four thieves By Ahmed Salama

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In an age when most concepts turn over upside down, in an age when man is a stranger facing successful variables, he finds that the constants and the inherited values he has known Shake up in front of the dominant wave of alienation. Coincidently Goha is very likely to symbolize this man, the stranger in his community, trying not to slip down into this abyss. He is in clash against these who insisting on robbing him of the valuables he is entrusted with. Could he preserve the trust or would he surrender?

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Once upon a time there was a kind hearted man called Goha , who hated breach of trust. People love Goha for his qualities of faithfulness. His honesty was very well — known by everybody that the many entrusted him with their valuables.

Although Goha was a poor and childless husband. he was fairly happy and contented as he saw the look of respect and appreciation to his noble manners in the other eyes. He always saw himself the wealthiest man alive.

#### ©© ACT 1 ©© ���SCENE I���

Goha is returning from the market , riding his donkey , whose back he has loaded his good's on . he was singing joy fully.

I'm the wealthiest man alive
I'm the wealthiest man Known
I'm candle I light for all
And I light all around the universes
I'm bird with strong wings
I can fly high in the sky
I spread the spirits of goodness and peace
Although I'm not with money or babes
I feel I'm rich in my heart
and sentiment rich by nature and by conscience
Betrayal is not my way
I'm the wealthiest man alive
I'm the wealthiest man Known

- •At a distance from Goha appears a gang of four thieves. They talk about their conditions.
- Shedeed: ah men, how long are we going to continue jobless? We haven't stolen any thing for weeks now.
- Selgel: if the situation keeps on it is, sure well die of starvation. What happened to people's money where is it?
- Sahloul: I'm sick of robbing hens and ducks ..... I need money.
- Abu Hadeed : we have to break into a (the gangister) rich man's house.
- Selgel: But this is risky Bass....and it may lead us to jail.

Abu Hadeed: This is the only thing we can do... people have become poorer and pick pocketing is no longer useful.

34 Shedeed: But remember that the rich houses are guarded by the police.

← Abu Hadeed: No risk, No bread.

Gelgel: You sound like you have a plan, Boss!

Abu Hadeed : That `s way , we are here in this place.

Shedeed: Explain, Boss please.

Abu Hadeed: Have you ever heard of Goha.

● The three man in one mouth: who's this Goha, boss?

Abu Hadeed: it reached my consideration that that man, Goha is entrusted by some merchants with their money at his home.

≈Bahloul: Do you mean Boss that Goha is the cause of the crisis of the dollar , the Euro and the rising of price?

Abu Hadeed: Not so, but he is one of the reasons of our own crisis. I made an exact and tight plan with no need to blood shedded or even to use a weapon.

≈ Gelgel: Explain Boss, please I can't make it out.

🔀 Shedeed: Do you mean we steal without violence , that how can heat it.

≈Bahloul: I think you mean it done by trickery, Boss.

Abu Hadeed: Yes, Bahloul .... Clever boy .....by trickery away from headache, or worry or suspicion.

 ← Gelgel: Now I can understand.

Abu Hadeed : For the first time in your life , brainless.

Gelgel: No, Boss I understand when I want to, when I make up my mind.

Shedeed: Will you tell us the plan , Boss?

Abu Hadeed : Soon everything will be clear. Just wait.

Shedeed: Have you launched the plan Boss?

Abu Hadeed: Yes Shedeed, I have ....... and in a few minutes you are going to have Goha around back from the market. I have been observing his movements for a week, now so I've chosen this place and this time to launch the plan.

Gelgel: How big your head is Boss.

Abu Hadeed: big head? is my head big.

≈ Gelgel: No Boss I mean you are broad minded.

≈ Abu Hadeed : And now , everyday to prepare to be a policeman.

Shedeed: But we don't look like ones, boss.

Abu Hadeed: The market policeman must be disguised with sticks and chains in hand.

≈Bahloul: That means we have to afford sticks and chains.

- Abu Hadeed: Every thing is ready and available open this bag Gelgel. Give them each a stick and leave the chain for me.
- Shedeed: What about the plan itself Boss.
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : You'll know everything at proper time.
- ≈ Gelgel : The thief of ducks and hens has become a policeman. How wonderful ?
- Abu Hadeed: Oh, duck, stop mentioning your bloody poultery or we'll be in trouble
- ✓ Gelgel: But I'm hungry.
- Abu Hadeed: Be patient, tomorrow your food will be turkey stuffed with the Russian caviar and the dessert will be the African pineapple.

#### **◎◎◎SCENE II◎◎◎**

Goha is coming on his donkey towards the gang singing a happy song. " Is it heavenly pleasure you are feel if my heart after your hard times?

- Gelgel: Oh, listen! the man is expressing his pleasure. He has lots of money pity or him, he doesn't know that soon. He will be afflicted.
- ≫ Shedeed: keep Silent policeman
- ≫ Gelgel : All set.
- 2- Abu Hadeed : Shedeed stop this man and get him to stand in front of me.
- Shedeed: Yes, boss
- Se Abu Hadeed: I' didn't say boss sir....sir.
- Shedeed: I mean , yes sir goes to Goha and says you get off your donkey. The officer wants you.
- Goha: officer why and who are you?
- Shedeed: I don't understand. Maybe you mean someone else. No one else. You are the meant. Aren't you Goha.
- Goha: Yes , I'm Goha. What's wrong?
- → Abu Hadeed : What's your name?
- Goha: My name is Goha......could you please tell me what's wrong and why do the police want me?
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : Don't talk before I ask you .....clear.
- Goha: Sir. I'm an honest man.
- Abu Hadeed : private Bahloul.
- Goha: Why? No. what are you searching me for? stop
- Sahloul: Let me search you, or you will be arrested.
- Goha: May God protect me I don't understand anything (Bahloul searches Goha)
- ≈Bahloul: Yes, sir found.......... A goose, a vegetables sack with onions cucumbers, eggplants and marrow.

- See Abu Hadeed: From where did you bring these articles.
- Goha: From the market of course.
- Abu Hadeed: we have been informed that these things were stolen from the market.
- Goha: stolen. How? Have bought than myself you can ask the sellers.
- Abu Hadeed: Do you accuse us of lying we the policeman ..... who make sure of every bit of information?
- ➤ Abu Hadeed : private Shadeed.
- Shedeed: Yes, Sir.
- Abu Hadeed : what is the statement of the stolen things.
- Shedeed (looking in the sack): Four fruits of marrow, five eggplants, four cucumbers, one potatoes, a punch of water cress, a packet of washing powder and a goose.......
- Goha: unfair......sure there is something wrong..... I have never been in such an injust situation..... ask people about Goha ..... I'm an honest man whom all people trust in entrust with their valuables ........ How come I change into a thief now? Please reconsider the matter .....i'm innocent and the accusation is false.
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : have no outlet ...... you are surely a suspect.
- Goha: Sufficient unto me is God....... it is my bad luck day? Who was my ill-omen this morning? Uncle Imam "May God keep you guided only by good gangs today..... please sir give me a chance to prove my innocence.
- See Abu Hadeed: OK, I give you one chance only but if you try to play games.
- Goha: you can ask the merchants about me.
- Abu Hadeed: This idea can't work.
- Goha: So what?
- Land Abu Hadeed: You are innocence evidence must be from your possessions, your home.
- Goha: Could you please be clearer?
- ≈ Abu Hadeed: I'll send the policeman with you get so called innocence evidence.
- Goha: Which is?
- Abu Hadeed: it can be jewellery a money box precious stones..... or the like of what proves that you could never be in need to steal such humble articles.
- Goha: God the Almighty......I can't believe myself ......anyway I submit to God' will , the absolute master...... let your two men come with me to see the valuable things kept at my house.

Abu Hadeed: No, Goha it can't be. I can't set you free. You might flee and then it would be a big problem with me.

Goha: So what am I required to do?

Abu Hadeed: write a letter to your wife at home, informing her of the importance of sending a valuable and very dear thing of the private belonging with the messenger policeman for an evidence that you are a rich man not is need to stead any of those humble things. say all her jewelry for example.

Goha: I submit to God's will. God knows how I `am oppressed.

See Abu Hadeed : private Gelgel.

Selgel: Yes, sir.

Abu Hadeed: Get a piece of paper and a pen to the suspect Goha.

Goha: Suspect? Me? Am I a suspect now? Is this how am honest men can be honoured. God help me.

Abu Hadeed: After you write the letter, you'll wait with us while the policeman with the letter to your house to get the evidence private shedded, private Bahloul.

Shedeed & Bahloul in one mouth: Yes, sir.

Abu Hadeed: Take the letter to Goha's house, and get the evidence of his innocence.

≈Bahloul: Yes, boss. oh, yes, sir.

See Abu Hadeed angrily: Dismiss.

#### **⊚⊕ ACT 2 ⊚⊚**

#### **◎◎◎SCENE I◎◎◎**

at Goha house a simple house of three rooms with no sign of high living. The reception is furnished with a table, four chairs a straw mat on the Hoor and a couch. (Koncks the door)

→ Morgana: who's at the door?

Morgama open the door (Morgama open the door)

→ Morgana: what's up? Is Goha all right?

Medeed: Don't worry madam. It is a simple measure.

→ Morgana: But I'm really worried . tell me the truth Is Goha all right?

**≫Bahloul** : Calm down Lady.

Morgana: Sure something bad happened him. Please tell me God bless you.

Shedeed: Any way Goha is all right I said don't worry.

→ Morgana: So why hasn't he came home? Where is he?

Shedeed: He is under arrest.

→ Morgana: What? This is unbelievable why? what has he done?

- ≈Bahloul : we suspect him of theft.
- ◆ Morgana: Shut up. What are you saying Goha is the most honest man. He has never intended to do anything God forbids and has never earned anything ill-gotten.
- Sahloul: Wath your smooth woman...... You are speaking with a policeman.
- Shedeed: Don't waste time.
- → Morgana: Are you sure of his charge?
- >< Bahloul : He is suspected of steadily a goose , some vegetables and fruit from the market.
- → Morgana: a goose and some vegetables from the market? Come neighbours and hear this...... Goha is a theif.
- ≫Bahloul : Keep quiet woman.
- → Morgana: 0, who entrust me Goha with your jewellery Goha has stolen a goose..... o cloth merchants who entrust your money with Goha..... listen Goha has stolen some vegetables.
- Shedeed: Sh.... woman it's just suspicion yet....
- Seahloul: the man be able to prove his innocence and set free.
- Shedeed: if you love Goha you have to help him woman.
- → Morgana: Love him? If I love him. Goha is my past, and my future. He is my hope in this life. He is the apple of my eyes.....he is my husband.
- ≈Bahloul: Great..... what a loyal wife! Let concern his outlet ......and don't waste time in vain.
- → Morgana: But how can I help him?
- Shedeed: Here is a letter from Goha read it and carry out his wants. Morgana takes the letters and read it a loud.
- → Morgana: Love him? If I love him. Goha is my past, and my future. He is my hope in this life. He is the apple of my eyes.....he is my husband.

### Dear wife Morgana

This letter has been written by me your poor husband on purpose of sending me the ebony box kept under the bed, the box where I keep my private belongings. Morgana, please don't worry about me. I should to God's will. may god be with me

Your Husband

- → Morgana: oh , my Goha my darling. It cannot the it cannot be. Who can imagine that situation?
- Shedeed: We have told you not to worry Goha will be back home prefect in one piece.
- → Morgana: Take me with you to get assured.
- Sahloul: No body. It is prohibited. He is arrested. And no visit is allowed.
- → Morgana: So you have to show we where to wait him there.
- Shedeed: No the instructions must be followed strictly.
- → Morgana: Oh , poor Goha ....... You've been taken inattentively , by surprise while you have never hurt a human. You've been living the benefit of all than for yourself.
- Shedeed: Hurry up bring the box we are late.
- → Morgana: My husband is oppressed by God he is oppressed (Morgana goes to fetch the box).
- ≈Bahloul: see ...... The plan is sweessful until now.
- Shedeed: Shsh.....she may hear you and everything gets ruined.
- ≈Bahloul: it's okay office Shedeed.
- Shedeed: Attention private Bahloul.
- → Morgana: (is back holding a medium size ebony box). That's it.
- Shedeed: private Bahloul, take the box.
- ≈Bahloul: Yes, sir. Give me the box madam.
- → Morgana: (gives the box to Bahloul who carries it to Shedeed)
- Shedeed: Oh , look! It's locked.
- → Morgana: Yes, Goha keeps his dear and valuable belongings inside.
- ≈Bahloul: Yes, mean money or jewellery?.
- → Morgana: The box owner knows.
- Shedeed: But you are his wife and life partner.
- → Morgana: yes , but his belonging are personal. He inherited them after grandparents.
- > Shedeed: Well , where's the key good lady?
- → Morgana: Not with me. Goha always carries it.
- Sembland: I'm wearing you not to play games, or you may be against the law and your husband's situation will be worse.
- → Morgana: I don't lie or deceive, exactly like my husband.
- Shedeed: no problem, as long as Ghoa has the key.
- ≫ Shedeed to Bahloul : private Bahloul, put the box in the bag.
- ≫Bahloul: yes, sir.

- Shedeed to Morgana: Anyway we'll take the box at the authorities. Be aware that you'd better keep the whole matter secret not to have chaos or spoil your husband's image.
- → Morgana: May God be gracious to him and save him....... But I have a question.
- Shedeed: Ask.
- → Morgana: Why is it prohibited to visit him while he's still a suspect?
- Shedeed: eh , instructions , I told you.
- > Bahloul : Anyway , Goha won't be far from you for much longer.
- → Morgana: I miss him, I miss him.
- ≫Bahloul : wow , what a ture love!.
- Shedeed: Don't worry. The truth will appear soon. If is innocent sure he'll be back home.
- → (Morgana weeps ...... Bahloul and Shadeed exit holding the box)

# **◎◎◎SCENE II◎◎◎**

- Morgana has doubts and worries about Goha she harries to the police station as her knowledge that Goha is there.
- → Morgana: Where's Goha sergant? Where my husband?
- police sergeant: keep quiet woman.
- → Morgana: I want my husband
- police sergeant: who are you, woman?
- → Morgana: I'm Goha' wife.
- police sergeant: And what you want?
- → Morgana: I want to see him please.
- police sergeant: Who is your husband?
- → Morgana: Goha, he is here under arrest, I've him food please sergeant, I entreat you.
- police sergeant: We don't have anybody named Goha.
- → Morgana: Oh , my husband. What have you done to him?
- police sergeant: you woman , keep quiet. Which Goha and which husband , I've told you there is nobody named Goha here.
- → Morgana: So , what about the policeman , the letter and the ebony box.
- police sergeant: I think you look mad. Which policeman and which boxes? Get out of here or I'll call the mental hospital for you.
- → Morgana: By God. I just want to know where is Goha?
- police sergeant: By God! I can't understands you.
- → Morgana: please sergeant help me , help a weak woman God bless you.

- police sergeant: ok . calm down and tell me the story.
- → Morgana: two policeman came to my home with a letter written and sent by my husband demanding me to give them a box which is supposed to prove his innocence of steadily a goose and some vegetables from the market.
- police sergeant: What are these men like? How many were they?
- → Morgana: two tall men , the first with a moustache and short hair and the second has no moustache and bald.
- police sergeant: Did they take the box?
- → Morgana: Yes, sergeant, they did.
- police sergeant: and what was the box content?
- → Morgana: some of my husband's belonging.
- police sergeant: like money or jewesls?
- → Morgana: little money saved for any emergency , gold earrings he inherited from his granny.
- police sergeant: so they must be thieves.
- → Morgana: thieves? what a calamity! oh my poor hüsband. Save him sergeant.
- ◆ police sergeant: Calm down...... what's your husband's job?
- → Morgana: a humble tramp. And he preserves some merchants' goods at home in the storeroom.
- police sergeant: Just goods.?
- → Morgana: and sometimes they entrust him with money and jewels.
- police sergeant: clear now.
- → Morgana: What is clear sergant?
- police sergeant: they mean the merchant's preserved money not your husband's money.
- → Morgana: What do you mean?
- police sergeant: Don't worry , sure they will come again to reach their target to get their craved.
- → Morgana: Do you mean the money and goods?
- police sergeant: you got it.
- → Morgana: Then Goha is in danger. Oh my poor Goha.
- police sergeant: Don't worry ...... before they reach the liquid money your husband must be safe . they are will return.
- → Morgana: How can you be syre about this?
- police sergeant: The police will make a plan to guarantee their arrest with the willing of God.

- → Morgana: I'm afraid , sergeant.
- police sergeant: No need to fear . we'll care about everything .......... But please follow our instructions and persuasions literally.
- → Morgana: I will sergeant I only mean my husband? Safety.
- police sergeant: And now go home and don't warry. We'll make an exact plan . just wait for the instructions.

#### **◎◎◎SCENE III◎◎◎**

Bahloul and Shedeed arrive with the box where the rest gang have been waiting

- Selgel: at last the men are here, I mean the policeman.
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : welcome back . have you brought the charge?
- Shedeed: Sir all set. Everything is ready as you demand.
- Goha: yes this is the ebony box which obtains my innocence evidence.
- Abu Hadeed : private Shedeed had me the box.
- Shedeed: here it is sir\_
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : But there is a big lock on it where is the key Shedeed?
- Shedeed: with Goha as his wife told me.
- > Abu Hadeed : have you got the key Goha.
- Goha: yes I have (Goha takes a key out of his pocket).
- See Abu Hadeed takes the key, opens the lock and then opens the box
- Abu Hadeed: What's this?
- Goha: This is all my possessions.
- Abu Hadeed: Are you walking fool of me?
- Goha: What do you mean? These are my dear belongings.
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : Show me one dear thing in the box.
- Goha: My grandparent s'photos a letter from my mother, my grandma's earrings twenty derhams saved for any emergency and my photo when I was in K.G two.
- Abu Hadeed : tie him with the chain , you are a dangerous thief.
- Goha: please, believe me, this is what I posses...... it's ware than enough.
- ≈ Gelgel: How can we name your KG photo an innocence evidence?
- Sahloul: or can we name the the twenty derhams money? They don't buy even a goose or a duck.
- Abu Hadeed : you're playing tricks and making fool of us.......... do you think you are very smart?
- Goha : I'm not smart. I'm Goha.
- Shedeed: try somebody else.
- Abu Hadeed: Where's the merchants `money preserved at your home Goha?

Goha: Why are you asking about it? Abu Hadeed: you don't ask you only answer. The money or you'll be just in the memory. Goha: What's the matter? It sounds doubtful. Shedeed: Don't be talkative. We want that money now. Goha: and what is the connexion between that money and any innocent? Abu Hadeed: Goha, the money or your life Mr. Quick-witted. Goha: O God you're reliever of you believer, you can't be policeman. ≈Bahloul: oh, have you got it subtle man with no one helping you?. Goha: I haven't felt easy but I didn't make it out. Now everything in clear. Abu Hadeed: Let's play openly......without sophistication Goha: How openly? Ladvise you to save your skin from death and to live safely in one piece. Goha: to save my skin from death ........ Tell me how please. Land Abu Hadeed: Well..... you give us the money you preserve. Goha: But it's not my money. It's left in my custody. See Abu Hadeed: Your life or the money. Goha: without my honesty, my life is worth nothing without my honesty I die. Shedeed: Shut your big mouth...... it's no good now and...... Goha: The money on my dead body......it's trust ......and I can never give it away. See Abu Hadeed: You don't sound submissive Shedeed: vou're hardheaded. ≈Bahloul: Listen to the orders and be a good guy or..... good man. Abu Hadeed: Last warning, Goha. If you don't obey me, you'll bring down upon yourself. 🚳 Goha : please I cannot you are killing me this way...... What do I tell those who have entrusted me? Sometime of the following states are found to the following states and set of the following states are followed in the following states are followed as the fol ≈Bahloul: or say you have given it as charity on the poor. Goha: How come! This nonsense. Abu Hadeed: you exhausted us. No way to push you. Shedeed: So what now boss.

Abu Hadeed: We take his wife a hostage

Shedeed: But this is the only way.

Goha: Not my life, you criminals...... don't ever come near her.

Goha : You don't know what is honesty , what is honour you have never felt faithful for a moment.

≫Bahloul : Stop your headache.

Goha: well-gotten bread blessed. not ill-gotten. ill gotten makes poor.

Abu Hadeed : you are a good men Goha , but didn't you know that necessity knows no law.

Goha : I can help you as far as my hand can reach. I can help you find jobs to earn well-gotten bread , try the well-gotten.

Abu Hadeed : No way Goha , no way. Do my order or I take your wife a hostage.

Goha : Sufficient unto me is God...... God help me. What can I do now?

Shedeed: you do the same write a letter to your wife asking her to send you all the merchants money to return it to them.

Goha: Then , no way else? Oh, my god why didn't I die before I live to this moment?

≈ Gelgel : Be tough Goha. Be tough

Seahloul: This is destiny, and we all submit to destiny.

Goha: Do your beasts submit to God's destiny your beasts. God is the savor.

Abu Hadeed : write the letter to put an end to this wockry (Goha starts writing the letter)

Goha (While writing) : God bless you.

Abu Hadeed : Shedeed and Bahloul , you go now ...... push his wife to the orders . if she objects, you know what you should do.

≈Bahloul: At your command boss.

Shedeed: Let go Bahloul.

Abu Hadeed : Don't be late.

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#### **◎◎◎SCENE I◎◎◎**

Bahloul and Shedeed knock at the door of Goha's house

→ Morgana: who's at the door?

≈Bahloul : The police open the door.

→ Morgana: well, where's my husband?

Shedeed: fine.

→ Morgana: so why didn't he came back?

Shedeed: it's matter of officials we'll set free soon.

→ Morgana: I miss very much. 0 my darling Goha. How does he fell now? How does he eat?

≈Bahloul : Five star hotel food.

Shedeed: we serve the suspect with luxuries.

→ Morgana: when will you let him go?

3 Shedeed: Today.....after we finish the officials.

→ Morgana: officials...... Officials what officials?

Shedeed: it depends . some merchants heard that Goha? A suspect of theft so they demand and the return of the money he preserves.

- Morgana: But Goha doesn't have any money.

≈Bahloul: Not his money, their money.

Shedeed: we're going to deliver their money back before we set him free. Read this letter from Goha.

→ Morgana: What' up on the earth? Has? What a pity on you Goha? God knows you are oppressed.

Seahloul: That's life Morgana. Nothing stays the same and people care about money.

Shedeed: I think matters are clear now. Submit the deposit to us. We're going to return it to those merchants to be able to set Goha free.

→ Morgana: Do you know I'm really confused.

≈Bahloul: No need lady. Just submit the money and everything will be all right.

◆ Morgana: But as far as I know Goha preserves that money in four big boxes each locked firmly.

Shedeed: Meaning?

→ Morgana: Meaning each box so heavy that it may need two men to carry it.

Seahloul: This is our business...... it's not a big thing.

Shedeed: private Bahloul , go and get a truck to load the boxes.

➤Bahloul: soon sir.

Morgana: But don't forget something. Goha has the keys of the locks.

Shedeed: Are you sure or lying to us? Take me care and be precise.

→ Morgana: Honest people never lie or deceive. We are rich only with honesty and honour.

Shedeed: How excellent people you are? (shaded and Bahloul transport the boxes)

# @@@SCENE II@@@

(Sheeded and Bahloul arrive with the big boxes at where the rest gang have been waiting)

Abu Hadeed: well done men. Good job unload the boxes now.

Gelgel: a few good men (Goha looks at the boxes in surprise)
Goha: What's all this? Have you brought all the house furniture?.

Abu Hadeed: you are must generous man Goha we have taken the valuable plus our right in hospitality. (Everybody laughs except Goha)

Goha: you thieves burglars. Tour wrongdoing is a forbidden fruit. But everyday has his day. Bahloul: Shut up Saint Goha. Selgel: let him I haven't to his anger.

Goha: Do you think you can escape from God, oppressors?

Abu Hadeed: Where are the keys of the boxes shedeed?

Shedeed: with uncle Goha.

Abu Hadeed : Where are the keys Goha?

Goha: I don't have any keys.

Shedeed: you wife said you keep the keys.

Goha: My wife doesn't know anything.

Abu Hadeed : Goha...... Realize what you're doing and give me the keys.

Goha: I said I don't have keys.

Abu Hadeed: Gelgel search him.

Goha: if I have any keys, why should I hide them?

🗻 Abu Hadeed : Do you think you can trick us? Search him.

Goha: Nobody search me. I only accept an inspection committee from the security council under the supervision of the united nations.

Abu Hadeed : Goha put and end ton this wockery.

Goha: Believe me.

~Gelgel: ok. Why don't we break the locks and take the valuables.

Goha: Oh, what justice and honesty!

Sahloul: since we are a democratic gang who sponsor freedom. Every man should take his light.

Goha: the first time in my life I went such thieves who respect freedom.

Abu Hadeed: No need to philosophy. Show the keys Goha please before I lose my patience.

Goha: people, I don't have keys...... and don't wonder if I say that only now I see these boxes which I have never seen before. However have you are my keys.

≈ Abu Hadeed : Take the keys and try then.

Goha: God the Almighty to help me. What' up in the world? Some people rob others coldbloodedly and name this honour and fairness. Sufficient unto me is God. —

Abu Hadeed: what' wrong? The keys don't open. Goha I lost my patience.

Goha: it doesn't make difference. Anyway I'm lost.

→ Abu Hadeed : break the locks me.

Shedeed: wait buddies.

➤ Abu Hadeed : Why shedeed?

Shedeed: Calm down boss. Every one of us must guarantee his right before we break the locks not to disagree.

Seahloul: Yes this is fair.

- Gelgel: we should divide everything equally.
- Abu Hadeed : ok. Everyone takes a box.
- Shedeed: What about if a box contains more money..... I and Bahloul went back and forth and carried and took the risk.
- Goha: God's fairness. They are going to disagree God, your punishment open the oppressors.
- Abu Hadeed: I'm who put the plan.
- Gelgel: stop where is my right then?
- ≈Bahloul : So how can we slove this knot?
- & Abu Hadeed : we break the locks first and then we divide and distribute.
- Shedeed: No , sorry boss I must know my right is the boxes ...... I with Bahloul must take these boxes , you and Gelgel one box.
- ≈ Abu Hadeed : So you have an evil will shedeed.
- ≈ Gelgel : Fight will break out , go ahead.
- Shedeed: we are the troops who executed the operation.
- Abu Hadeed : and we are the brain of the plan.
- ≈ Gelgel: How can we end our disagreement now?
- Abu Hadeed : I have a solution.
- Shedeed: What is it?
- Abu Hadeed : we know from Goha the content of the boxes before we open them so we can divide first.
- ≈Bahloul: This is a good idea.
- Abu Hadeed: Goha...... cooperate with us before we kill and your wife.
- Goha (Thinking) : God protect me and save me.
- Abu Hadeed : Goha tell us what's in the boxes.
- Goha (Thinking) : I don't know.
- Abu Hadeed: How come you don't know? Aren't you entrusted with the valuables inside?
- Goha: This is the first time I see these boxes.
- Abu Hadeed : Goha are you fond of problems.
- Goha: and aren't you fond of evil and slyness and canning? Your hearts are black and your minds are of devils. What are you going to do with the contents of the boxes?
- Sahloul: it's none of your business...... Are you going to share with us our money.
- Goha: Your money? My Goodness has it already passed to you?
- Abu Hadeed: I'm giving you an extra time to think it over, then my turn will come.
- ≈ Gelgel (approaching Goha): Goha....... Ture mad.
- Goha: What do you want? Go find yourself another game.
- Selgel: Have you lost your mind?

Goha: of course not . I'm honest but you're a thief.

Abu Hadeed: That's my boy. What are they?

Goha: Cloth....... Table utensils ....... grains....... Books ...... and magazine.

≈Bahloul : very well. Books and magazine.

🌫 Abu Hadeed : wait Bahloul..... explain Goha.

Goha: it's clear. For example uncle Gouda the grocer keeps his stock in my storeroom, like Ramadan's dates. And uncle Imam the watchmaker keeps the old watches and sheikh Noman keeps books.

> Abu Hadeed : you mean there is no money , no jewels nor gold in the boxes.

Goha: That's it.

Abu Hadeed: pops and box of them have money?

Goha: maybe the first, the second the third or the frouth. I don't know.

Medeed: You mean only one book has money and the rest goods and books.

≈ Abu Hadeed : if you are lying Goha , we'll break your bones.

Goha: Listen Mister Abu Hadeed only God takes our souls.

Abu Hadeed : Why don't we draw lots and everybody takes his luck?

≈Bahloul : so one will take money and the other goods and books.

≈ Gelgel: well well at the end I take my right in books?

Goha: Why not? At least for your enlightenment and literacy.

Shedeed: How come? Only one man wins.

> Bahloul: I have an idea let's open all the boxes and divide everything contained equally.

Goha: Equally? Do people like you know equality? You oppressors?

№ Shedeed: What are you saying Goha.

🚾 Goha: Nothing I have an idea.

See Abu Hadeed: What Mr. Smart?

Goha: Leave the boxes. Stay friends and let me go home.

Abu Hadeed : you boring.

Goha: Thank you.

Shedeed: Hey! Have you made up your minds? Would you like to open the boxes and divide.

Abu Hadeed : not a bad idea. Every one of us goes to a box and breaks its lock.

≈Bahloul: I have chosen the first box (he heads for it)

Shedeed: and me the second box (he heads for it)

≈ Gelgel: and me the third box (he heads for it)

Abu Hadeed: and me the fourth box (he heads for it) (and now men start work. The gang break all the lock while Goha is watching) every box a policeman gets out raising their guns. Suddenly the style is filled with policeman.

Goha: What a surprise! how fair you are God! (the policemen surround the gang)

Selgel: see Abu Hadeed we'll go to the lost paradise.

≈Bahloul : No gold nor even tin.

• police sergeant: God saved you Goha for your sincere wife.

Goha: Morgana?

• police sergeant: your wife is a good woman. She risked herself for your sake and shared in the plan to save you.

Goha: God bless her. Where is she?

• police sergeant: she is safe at home waiting for you.

Goha: Thanks God . I trust in you.

police sergeant: you, thieves, your end will be an example to the like whose such sly souls ........... you'll pay the penalty to know what is honesty and to learn a lesson after your crimes.

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Goha rides his donkey singing happily on his way home

I don't own money for property
I own people love